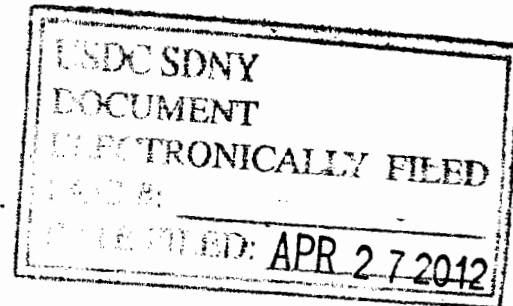


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MEMO ENDORSED

Re: United States v. Daniel Valdez,
S12 10 Cr. 905 (LTS)

Dear Judge Swain:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Daniel Valdez, whom I represent by CJA appointment in the above-entitled matter, regarding the group status conferences scheduled in this case for this week. In light of the fact that Mr. Valdez has reached a plea agreement with the government, and will enter his plea this Friday, April 27, 2012, it is respectfully requested that Mr. Valdez and counsel be excused from this week's conferences, with the exception of Friday's scheduled appearance for his plea allocution. I have spoken with Assistant United States Attorney Amie Ely and she informed me that the government consents to this request.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that Mr. Valdez be excused from this week's group conferences.

The request is granted.

SO ORDERED.

Respectfully Submitted,

NEW YORK, NY

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

April 26, 2012

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE Joshua L. Dratel

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cc: Assistant United States Attorney Amie N. Ely (by facsimile)